

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 11TH September 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor A Hill (Chair)
Councillor T Hawke
Councillor I Baker
Councillor P Chapman
Councillor G Drew

Clerk: Bryan Leigh

Three parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Chapman seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meetings on 9 May 2017 and 11 July 2017 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor reported that August had been a quiet month. The Highways Engineer had changed and it is now Ben Rayner. The Minerals and Waste call for sites for the new Local Plan until 2036 had finished on 4 August. The consultation is likely to be at the end of 2017 with the aim to have a new plan in force by 2019. The budget setting process will commence in October when the Committees will be informed of the spending allocation and the final budget will be set in February 2018. The budget is being set for four years and as the Rate Support Grant is to be reduced to nil by 2020 there is a £100 million gap. Council Tax is likely to have to rise especially as the cost of Adult Social Services continues to increase. The aim is to have more people living at home rather than in care homes. The Fire Service is still satisfactory and the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking at the possibility of taking on the Fire Service as well. The Fire Service is part of Norfolk County Council and the County Councillor hopes that it will remain so. All fire stations are owned by Norfolk County Council. The Fire Service do a lot of community work and all fire engines now have a first responder on board.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Website.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Subscribe2 has been withdrawn from the wordpress sites. The replacement has not yet been up loaded because of problems and the Clerk will have another meeting to resolve.

5.2 Defibrillator.

An application for funding had been sent to the Lottery for funding but no response had been received.

5.3 Bus Shelter.

The Clerk reported that no planning permission is needed for the new bus shelter and that Norfolk County Council has no objections.

The Clerk had met the contractor on site and agreed the specification. The contractor will

attempt to obtain the same blocks as had been used so the new shelter will match as closely as possible to the existing. The Clerk had also reported the mail box post and it is hoped that this will be replaced.

5.4 Faster Broadband.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Karen O'Kane regarding the comments at the last meeting by a parishioner. BT will put in fibre to the village if the Parish Council pay for it under the Community Partnership Scheme. He had forwarded the details to the parishioner. Councillor Chapman stated that it does not seem sensible to pay for the Community Partnership Scheme as Horningtoft is programmed for faster broadband in the next nine months.

The County Councillor stated that Karen O'Kane is not always kept up to date by BT. The programme is for 95% of properties to have Faster Broadband by 2020 and the remaining 5% will be looked at in the next phase. The worry was expressed by members of the public that the village will be in the same situation in a years time.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

Norfolk County Council had replied that it will continue to monitor the potholes on Whissonsett Road and Church Lane although one had been repaired on Church Lane. The County Councillor will look into the possibility of a speed limit on B1146 Fakenham Road again. The Horningtoft village sign on B1146 at the south end needs new posts and this will be reported. There is a problem with satnavs taking vehicles down Thumb Lane to the warehouse units and the Clerk will see if any signage can be put in place to stop this and whether the satnav companies can change the routing..

6.2 Finger Post at Junction of Whissonsett Road and B1146.

The Clerk confirmed that Norfolk County Council will not bring vehicles into a village along an unclassified road. Therefore it will not install a finger post there and will continue to bring vehicles along Brisley Road which is a C road.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

7.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to be noted.

7.3 Local Plan.

It was agreed not to send a response to the consultation.

8. Correspondence.

There following correspondence will be circulated.

8.1 Clerks and Councils Direct September 2017.

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that the budget sheets which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Business Saver Account.

Balance at 31 03 17	2404.30
Plus interest	<u> .00</u>

Balance at 30 06 17	2404.30
Community Account	
Balance at 31 03 17	1739.39
Plus Breckland precept-875.00	
Breckland rate Support grant-17.00	
HMRC Vat refund -10.80	902.80
	<u>2642.19</u>
Less cheques authorised 09 05 17-450.44	
cheques authorised 11 07 17-108.00	558.44
Balance at 11 07 17	2083.75

Amount available for Section 137 : 128 x £7.57 =£968.96

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

393	B J Leigh	Salary 01 04 17-30 09 17 35 hours @ 11.415 per hour=399.53 less PAYE 79.80	319.73
394	HMRC	PAYE	79.80

9.3 New Notice Boards.

Councillor Chapman stated that the Countryside Agency no longer do the maps. She produced some designs from Greenbarns and it was thought that it may be better to use aluminium or recycled plastic rather than wood. A detailed brochure of the products available will be obtained.

9.4 External Audit.

This had been completed with no comments from the External Auditor.

11. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matter's raised for the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30p.m. in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2037.